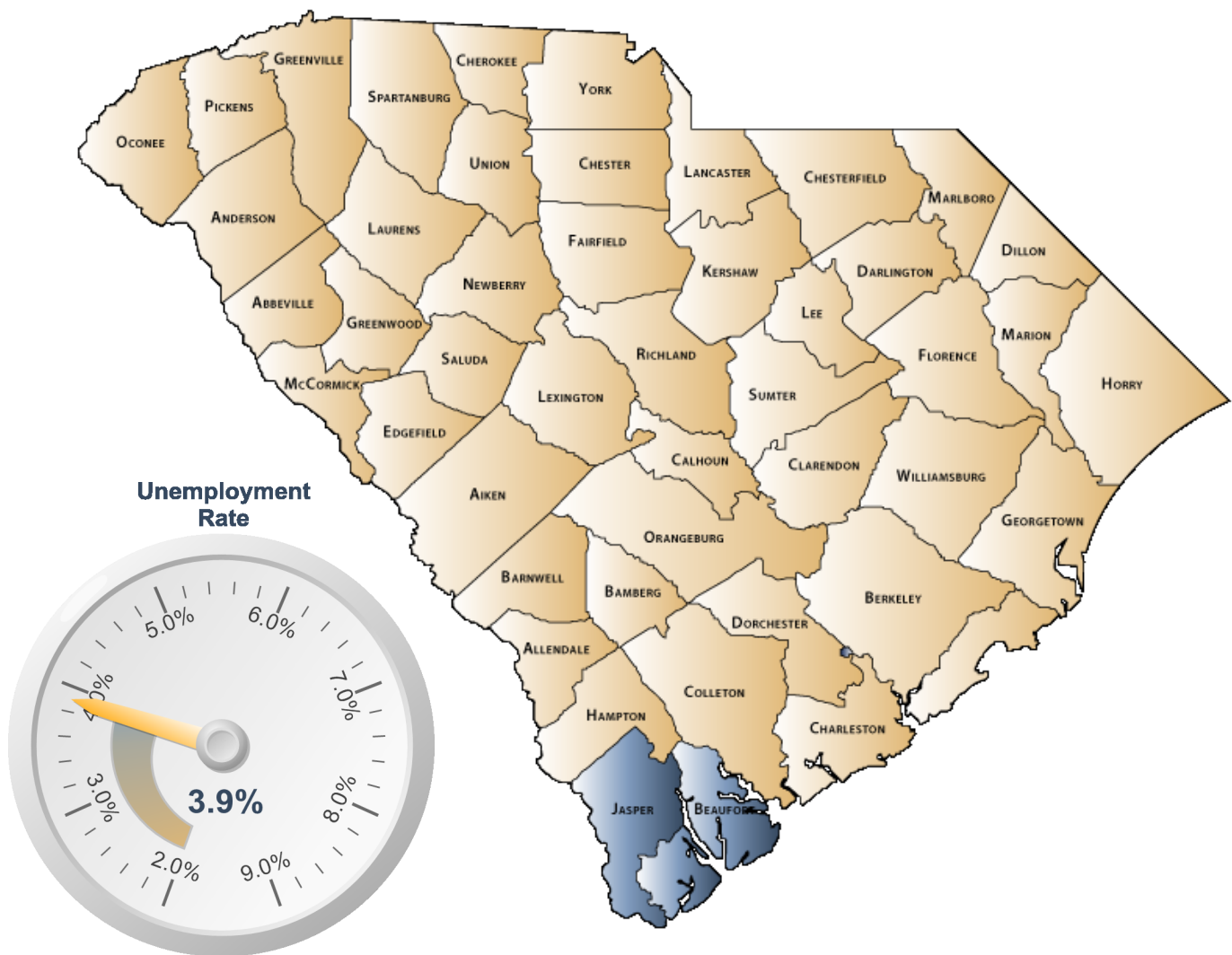


ECONOMIC PROFILE

Lowcountry Economic Network



S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce
Labor Market Information

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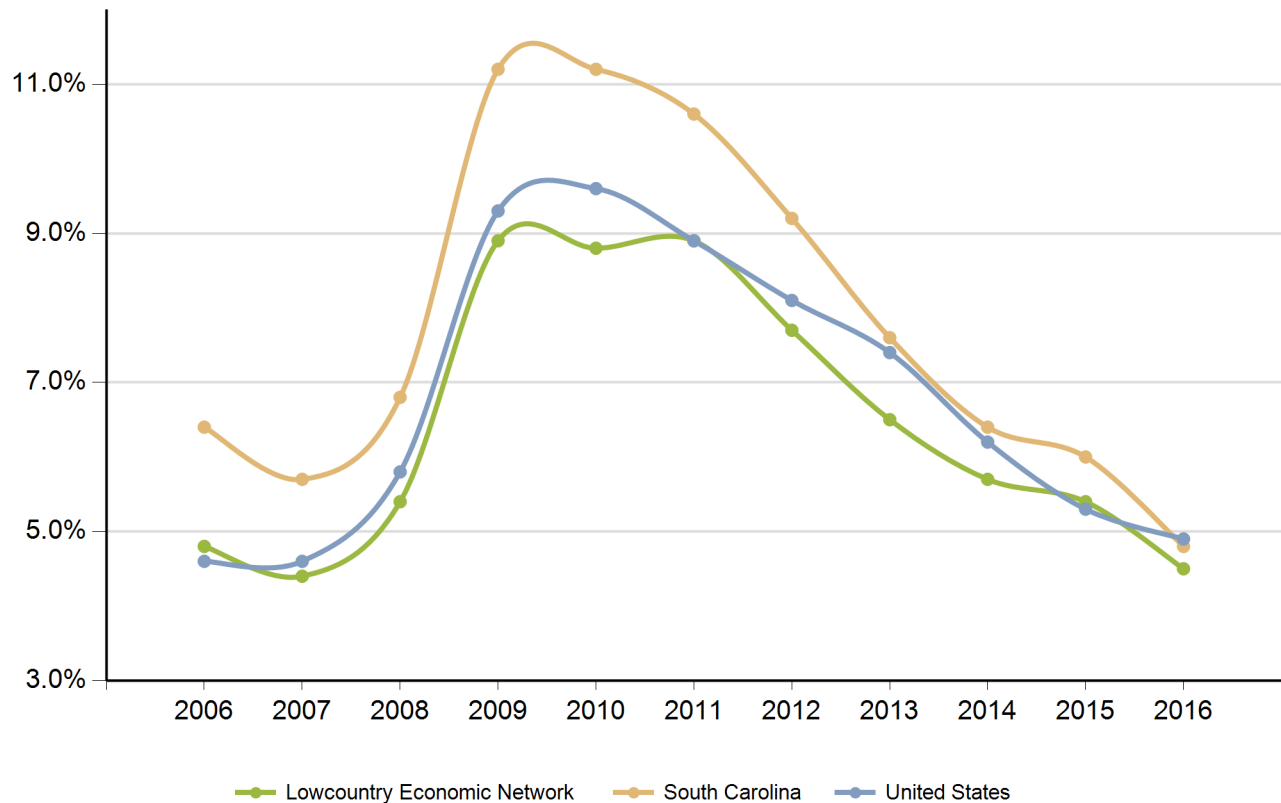
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Annual Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Trends

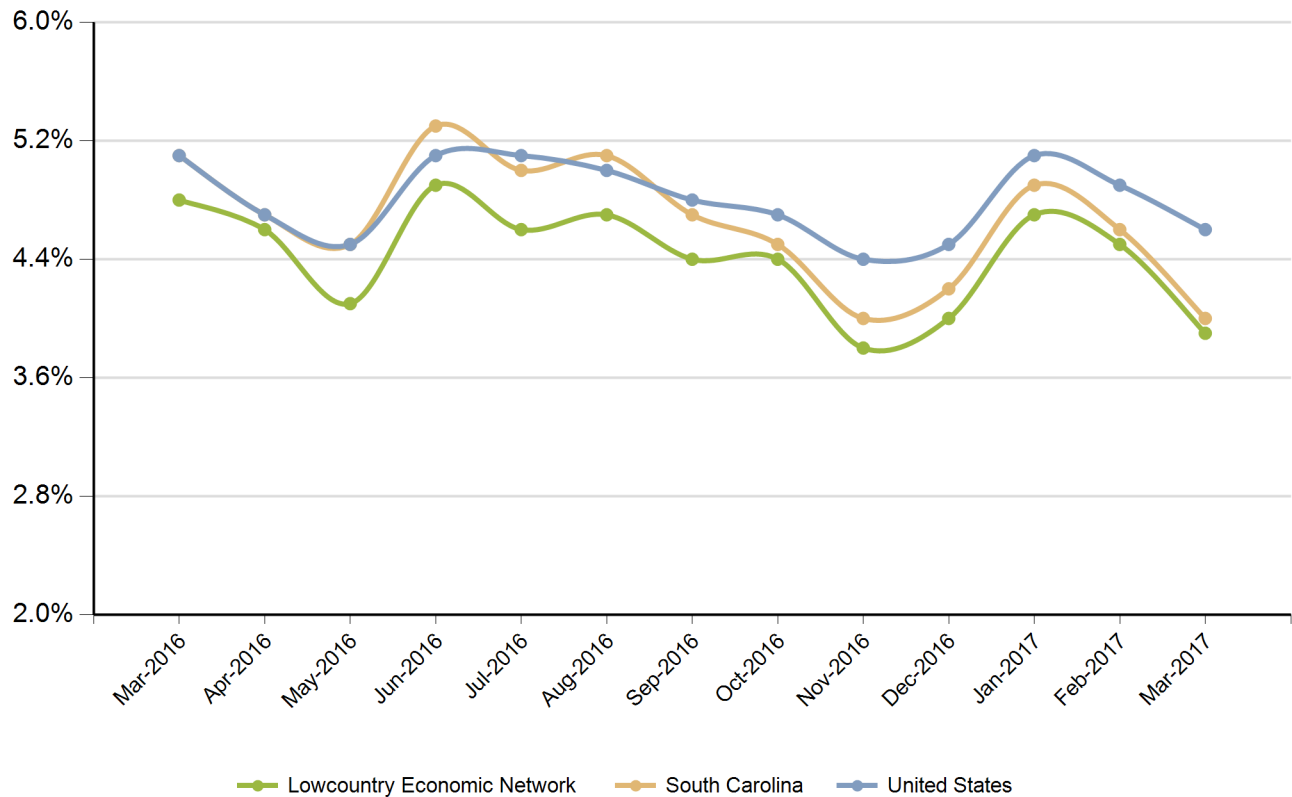


Lowcountry Economic Network				South Carolina			United States		
Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate
2006	69,549	3,504	4.8%	1,973,337	135,760	6.4%	144,427,000	7,001,000	4.6%
2007	70,719	3,249	4.4%	2,005,686	120,205	5.7%	146,047,000	7,078,000	4.6%
2008	69,808	3,988	5.4%	1,996,409	145,823	6.8%	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
2009	66,452	6,527	8.9%	1,910,670	242,075	11.2%	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
2010	69,507	6,725	8.8%	1,915,045	240,623	11.2%	139,064,000	14,825,000	9.6%
2011	69,681	6,781	8.9%	1,945,900	229,623	10.6%	139,869,000	13,747,000	8.9%
2012	70,972	5,909	7.7%	1,985,618	201,260	9.2%	142,469,000	12,506,000	8.1%
2013	73,461	5,072	6.5%	2,026,666	167,647	7.6%	143,929,000	11,460,000	7.4%
2014	76,345	4,585	5.7%	2,081,511	143,151	6.4%	146,305,000	9,617,000	6.2%
2015	78,978	4,540	5.4%	2,134,637	135,746	6.0%	148,834,000	8,296,000	5.3%
2016	80,833	3,841	4.5%	2,186,740	111,067	4.8%	151,436,000	7,751,000	4.9%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

Monthly Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)

Past 13 Months



Period	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina	United States
Mar-2016	4.8%	5.1%	5.1%
Apr-2016	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%
May-2016	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%
Jun-2016	4.9%	5.3%	5.1%
Jul-2016	4.6%	5.0%	5.1%
Aug-2016	4.7%	5.1%	5.0%
Sep-2016	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%
Oct-2016	4.4%	4.5%	4.7%
Nov-2016	3.8%	4.0%	4.4%
Dec-2016	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Jan-2017	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%
Feb-2017	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%
Mar-2017	3.9%	4.0%	4.6%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

Area Job Openings

Lowcountry Economic Network					South Carolina			
Period	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Job Openings	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp Rate	Job Openings
Mar-2016	79,614	4,026	4.8%	2,788	2,174,229	122,223	5.3%	61,889
Apr-2016	80,877	3,885	4.6%	2,878	2,177,304	119,636	5.2%	67,021
May-2016	82,205	3,494	4.1%	2,398	2,180,526	116,513	5.1%	63,126
Jun-2016	83,271	4,314	4.9%	2,486	2,183,933	113,034	4.9%	61,518
Jul-2016	83,878	4,079	4.6%	2,527	2,187,396	109,596	4.8%	61,572
Aug-2016	83,064	4,106	4.7%	1,652	2,190,670	106,559	4.6%	63,800
Sep-2016	81,325	3,712	4.4%	2,295	2,193,612	104,025	4.5%	61,522
Oct-2016	80,506	3,695	4.4%	1,956	2,196,147	101,772	4.4%	59,888
Nov-2016	80,052	3,165	3.8%	1,975	2,198,274	99,867	4.3%	59,494
Dec-2016	79,377	3,276	4.0%	1,933	2,199,862	98,225	4.3%	55,454
Jan-2017	79,264	3,877	4.7%	2,180	2,209,188	101,455	4.4%	64,254
Feb-2017	79,880	3,723	4.5%	2,148	2,220,060	103,363	4.4%	61,052
Mar-2017	80,961	3,289	3.9%	2,568	2,229,599	103,587	4.4%	59,863

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce, The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® Data Series
 South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted

Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry

Industry Groups with Largest Number of Claims

March-2017



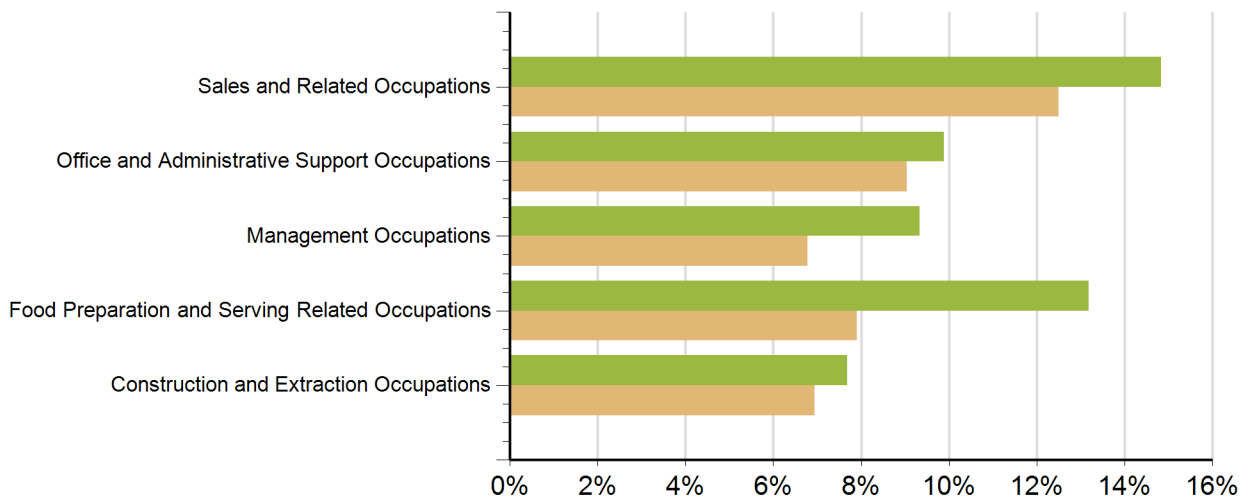
Industry	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
Transportation and Warehousing	2	261
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	26
Utilities	1	13
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10	427
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	12	1,083
Other Services (except Public Administration)	7	163
Unknown	28	823
Manufacturing	8	961
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2	46
Construction	13	508
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	48
Accommodation and Food Services	27	583
Public Administration	6	128
Information	4	132
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	107
Educational Services	2	112
Retail Trade	29	963
Finance and Insurance	3	188
Health Care and Social Assistance	20	542

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

Characteristics of Unemployment Insurance Claims by Occupation

Occupation Groups with Largest Number of Claims

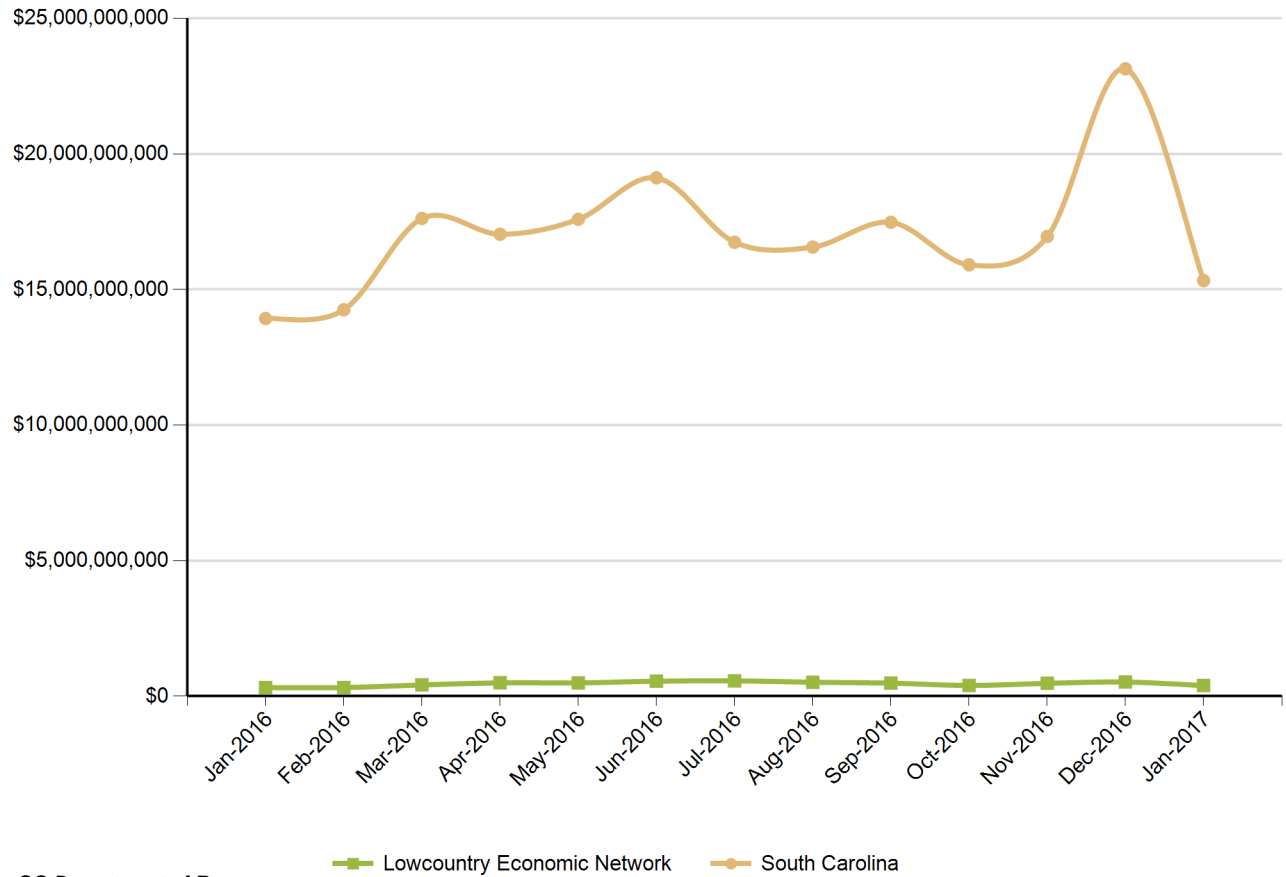
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Occupation	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1	119
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ	1	53
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	6	265
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	8	277
Community and Social Service Occupations	2	53
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	2	124
Construction and Extraction Occupations	14	518
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	1	82
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	2	32
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	24	590
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	7	163
Healthcare Support Occupations	8	335
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	7	265
Legal Occupations	2	26
Management Occupations	17	506
Military Specific Occupations	1	32
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	18	675
Personal Care and Service Occupations	5	103
Production Occupations	7	1,476
Protective Service Occupations	3	78
Sales and Related Occupations	27	933
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	5	319
Unknown	14	427

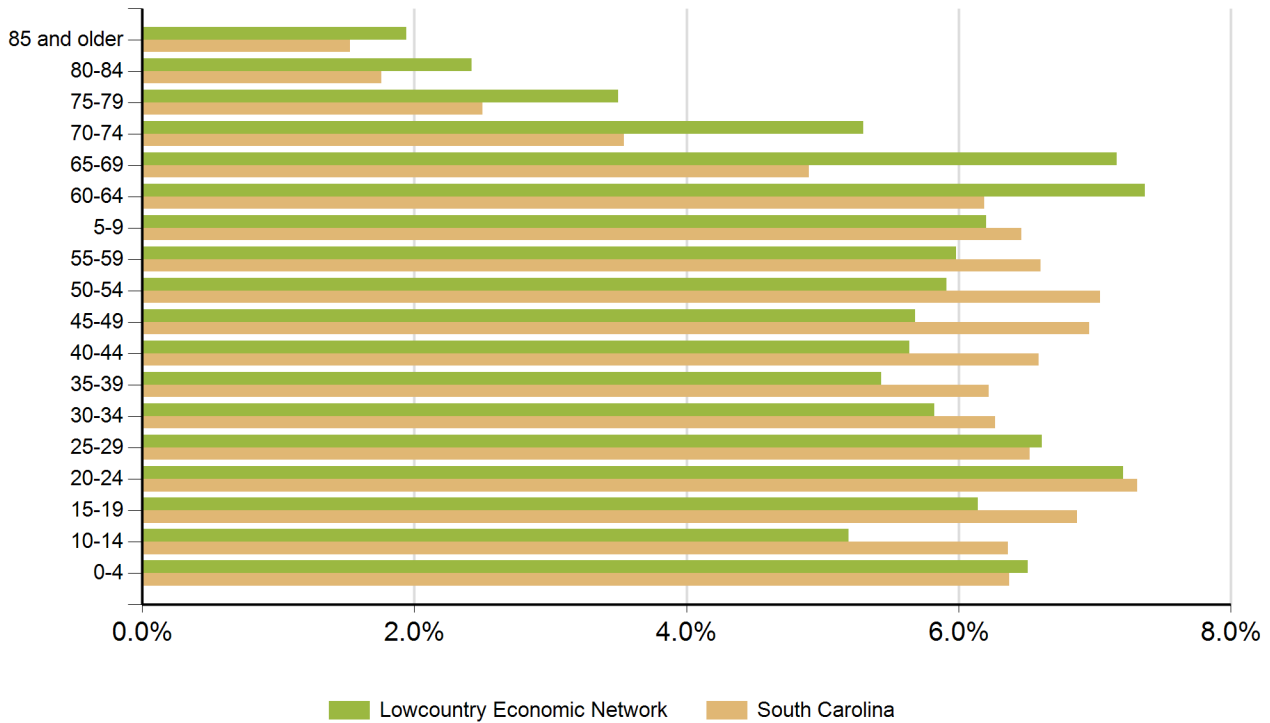
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

Retail Sales



Source: SC Department of Revenue

Population by Age



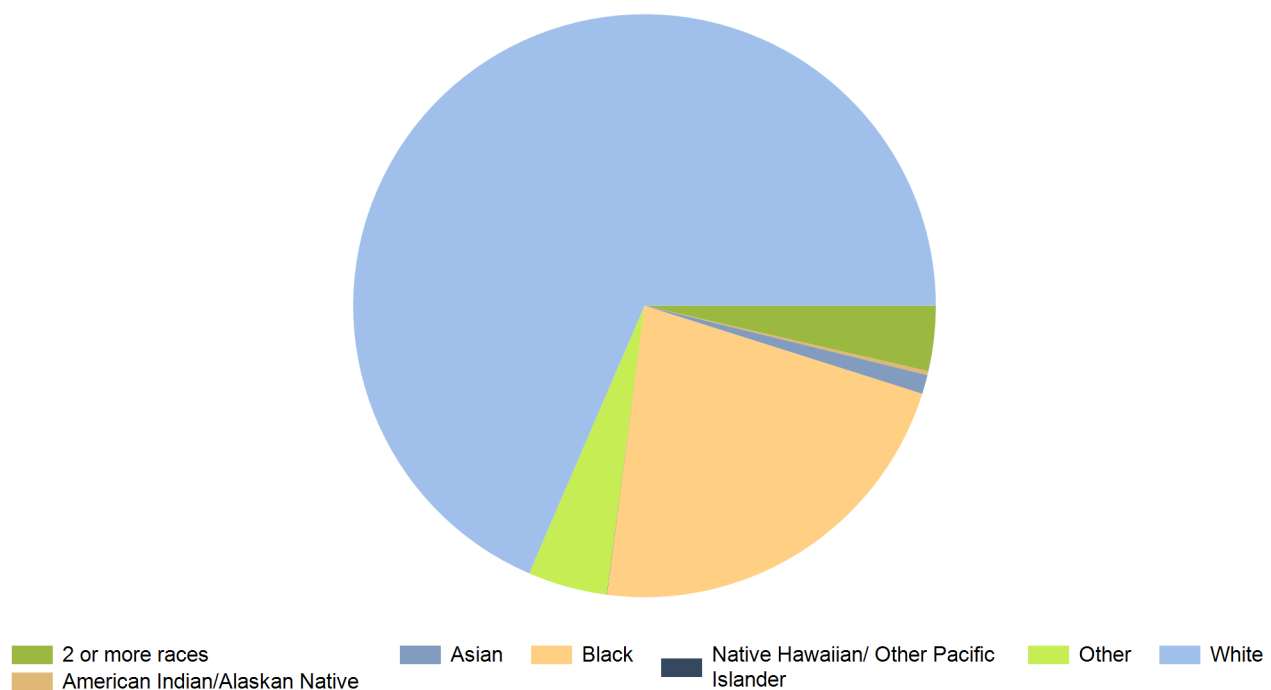
Age Range	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina	United States
0-4	12,416	298,242	20,052,112
5-9	11,819	302,111	20,409,060
10-14	9,892	297,443	20,672,609
15-19	11,705	321,540	21,715,074
20-24	13,749	342,237	22,099,887
25-29	12,600	305,167	21,243,365
30-34	11,097	293,464	20,467,912
35-39	10,355	291,183	19,876,161
40-44	10,760	308,158	20,998,001
45-49	10,842	325,660	22,109,946
50-54	11,275	329,431	22,396,322
55-59	11,409	309,061	20,165,892
60-64	14,050	289,690	17,479,211
65-69	13,666	229,251	13,189,508
70-74	10,114	165,797	9,767,522
75-79	6,686	117,187	7,438,750
80-84	4,622	82,223	5,781,697
85 and older	3,705	71,757	5,673,565

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population by Race

Race	Lowcountry Economic Network		South Carolina		United States	
		%		%		%
White	133,105	68.5%	3,144,146	66.0%	230,592,579	72.0%
Black	43,087	22.2%	1,298,534	27.3%	39,167,010	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	420	0.2%	14,732	0.3%	2,540,309	0.8%
Asian	2,053	1.1%	61,097	1.3%	15,231,962	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	29	0.0%	2,128	0.0%	526,347	0.2%
2 or more races	7,016	3.6%	169,670	3.6%	17,464,666	5.5%
Other	8,560	4.4%	74,130	1.6%	14,746,054	4.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey



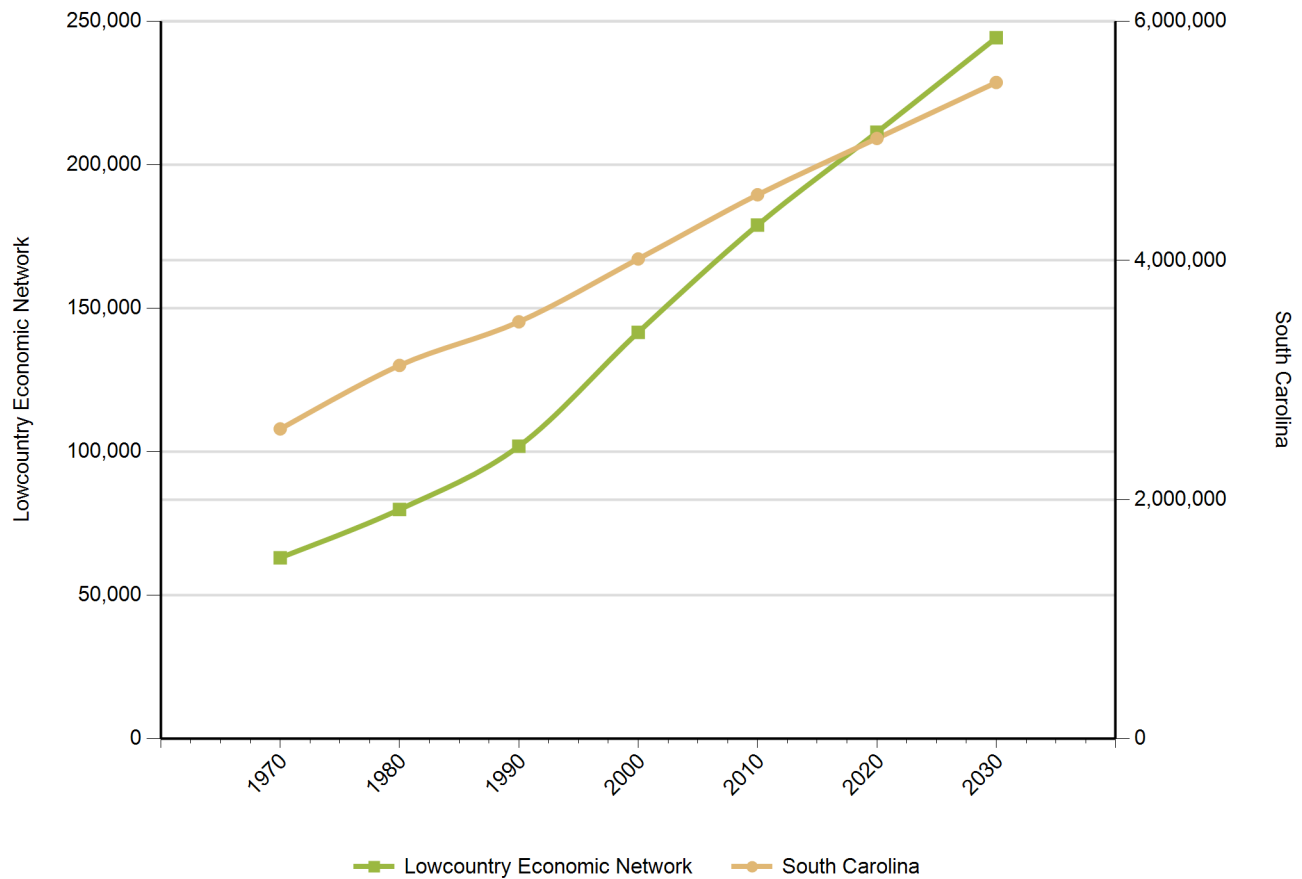
Population by Gender

Gender	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina	United States
Female	95,836	2,403,297	158,289,182
Male	94,926	2,276,305	153,247,412

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population Change

Historical and Projected



Year	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
1970	63,021	2,590,713
1980	79,868	3,121,820
1990	101,912	3,486,310
2000	141,615	4,012,012
2010	178,990	4,549,150
2020	211,350	5,020,400
2030	244,270	5,488,460

Source: US Census Bureau

Employers by Size of Establishment

Employees	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
0 to 4	3,514	72,215
5 to 9	998	19,964
10 to 19	709	14,629
20 to 49	495	11,292
50 to 99	154	4,446
100 to 249	83	2,717
250 to 499	15	824
500 to 999	4	376
1000 +	3	286

Employment by Size of Establishment

Employees	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
0 to 4	5,584	109,185
5 to 9	6,648	133,038
10 to 19	9,667	199,397
20 to 49	15,031	346,711
50 to 99	10,420	305,282
100 to 249	12,688	411,824
250 to 499	5,579	284,463
500 to 999	2,358	256,747
1000 +	5,535	731,712

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Q3 2016

20 Largestest Employers

(Listed Alphabetically)

Corporation Name

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS INC

WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES

CARECORE NATIONAL LLC

SEA PINES RESORT LLC

TENET PHYSICIAN SVCS OF HILTON HEAD

MONTAGE HOTELS AND RESORTS LLC

JASPER CO BD OF DISABILITIES

MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSP CORP

JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEY NISSAN LLC

THE GREENERY INC

HARGRAY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC

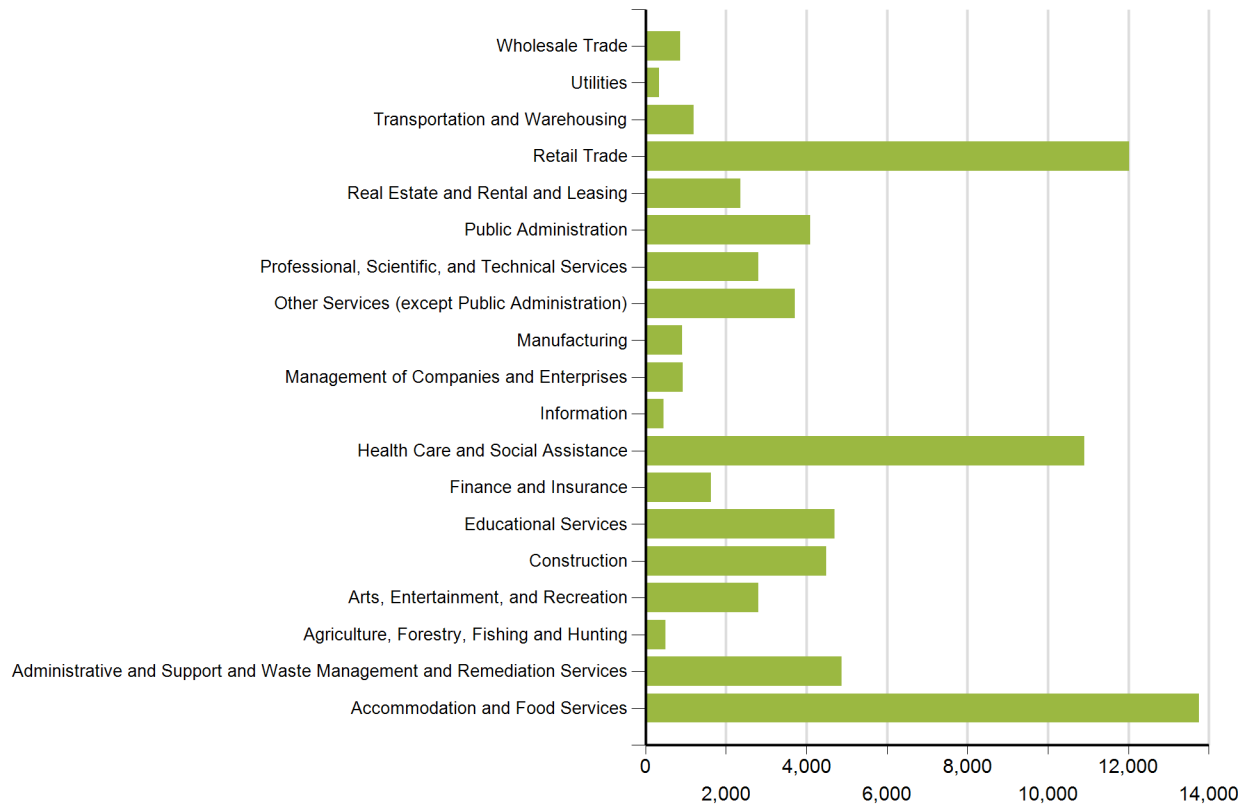
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CYPRESS CLUB INC.

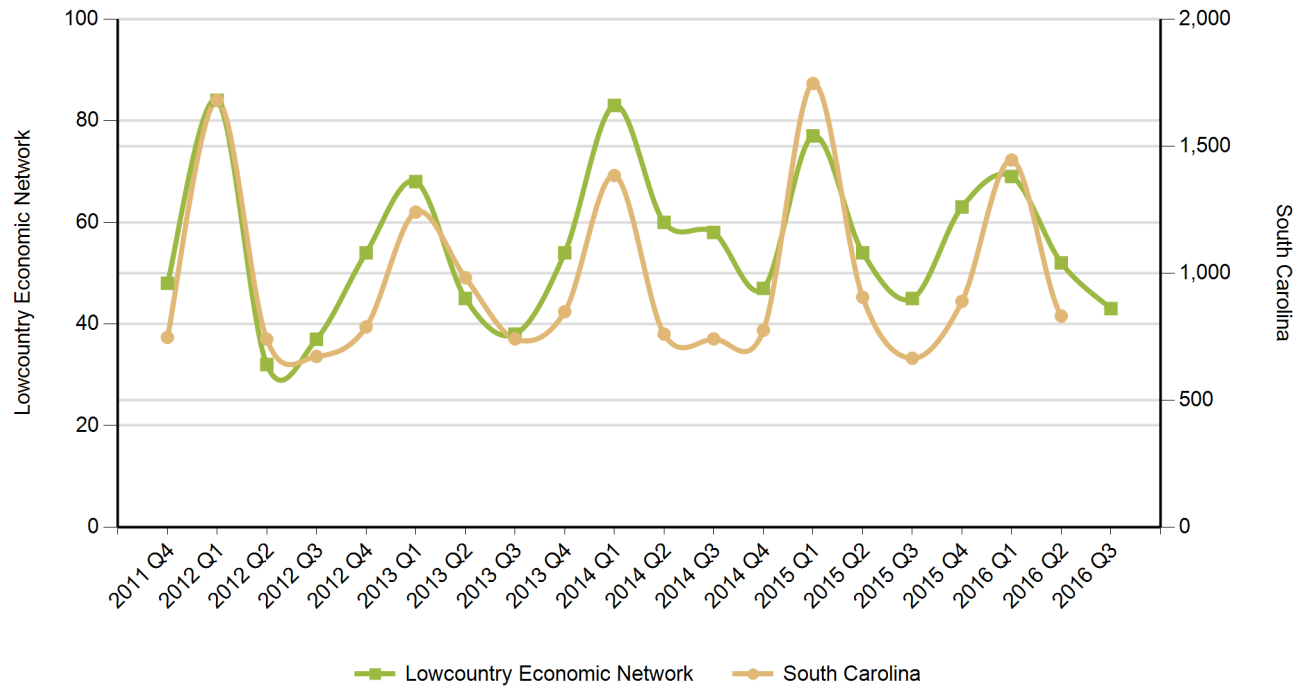
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce - Q3 2016

Employment by Industry



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - Q3 2016

New Startup Firms



Quarter	Lowcountry Economic Network	South Carolina
2016 Q3	43	
2016 Q2	52	831
2016 Q1	69	1,445
2015 Q4	63	889
2015 Q3	45	665
2015 Q2	54	905
2015 Q1	77	1,746
2014 Q4	47	775
2014 Q3	58	741
2014 Q2	60	760
2014 Q1	83	1,384
2013 Q4	54	848
2013 Q3	38	741
2013 Q2	45	982
2013 Q1	68	1,240
2012 Q4	54	788
2012 Q3	37	672
2012 Q2	32	740
2012 Q1	84	1,680
2011 Q4	48	747

Note: A firm is included in the count when it does not have a UI Account Number in the previous quarter and has a Setup Date that falls in the quarter displayed.

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce

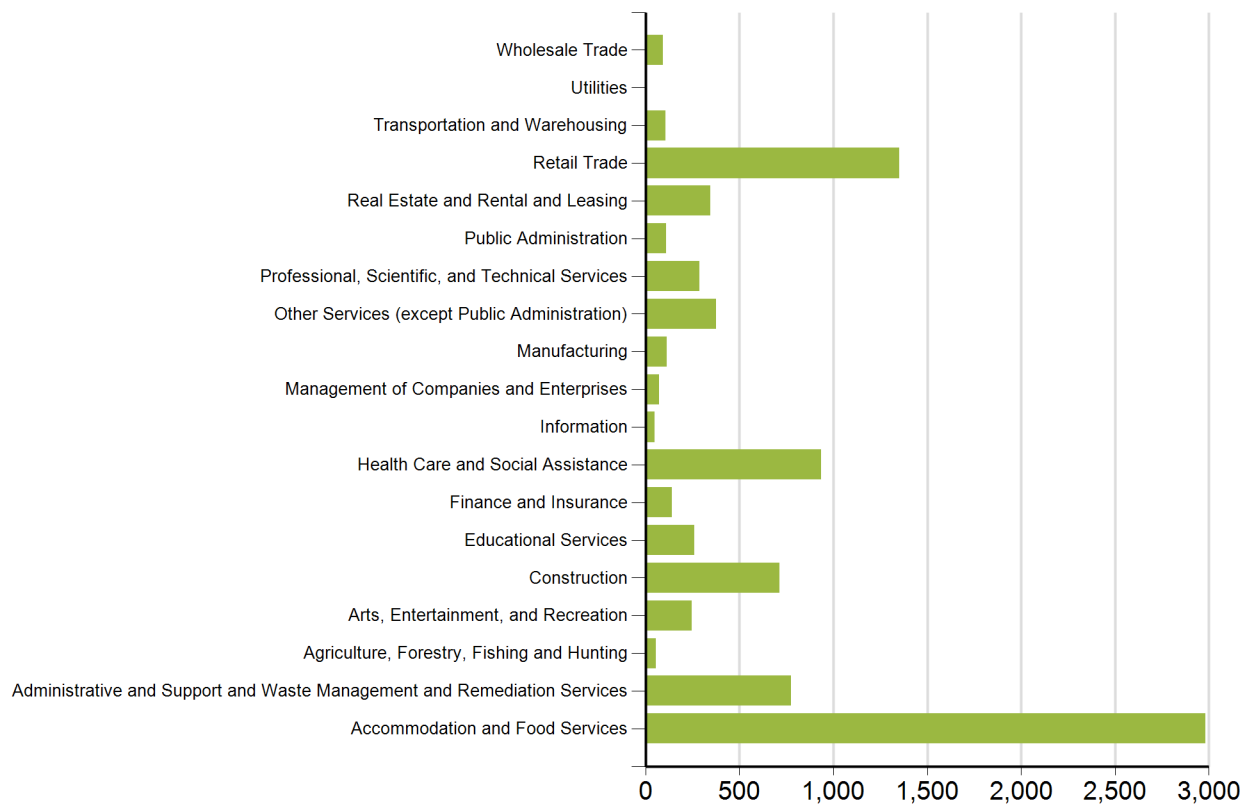
Top 20 Occupational Openings

April 2016

Occupation Name (Soccode)	Job Opening
Registered Nurses (29-1141)	141
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (53-3032)	137
Retail Salespersons (41-2031)	97
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers (35-1012)	89
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)	81
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers (43-1011)	63
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (35-3021)	61
Waiters and Waitresses (35-3031)	59
Customer Service Representatives (43-4051)	57
Cooks, Restaurant (35-2014)	53
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (37-2012)	52
Coaches and Scouts (27-2022)	48
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General (49-9071)	47
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks (43-4081)	41
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers (37-3011)	41
Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers (47-1011)	37
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School (25-2054)	29
Carpenters (47-2031)	26
Dishwashers (35-9021)	26
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (49-3023)	24

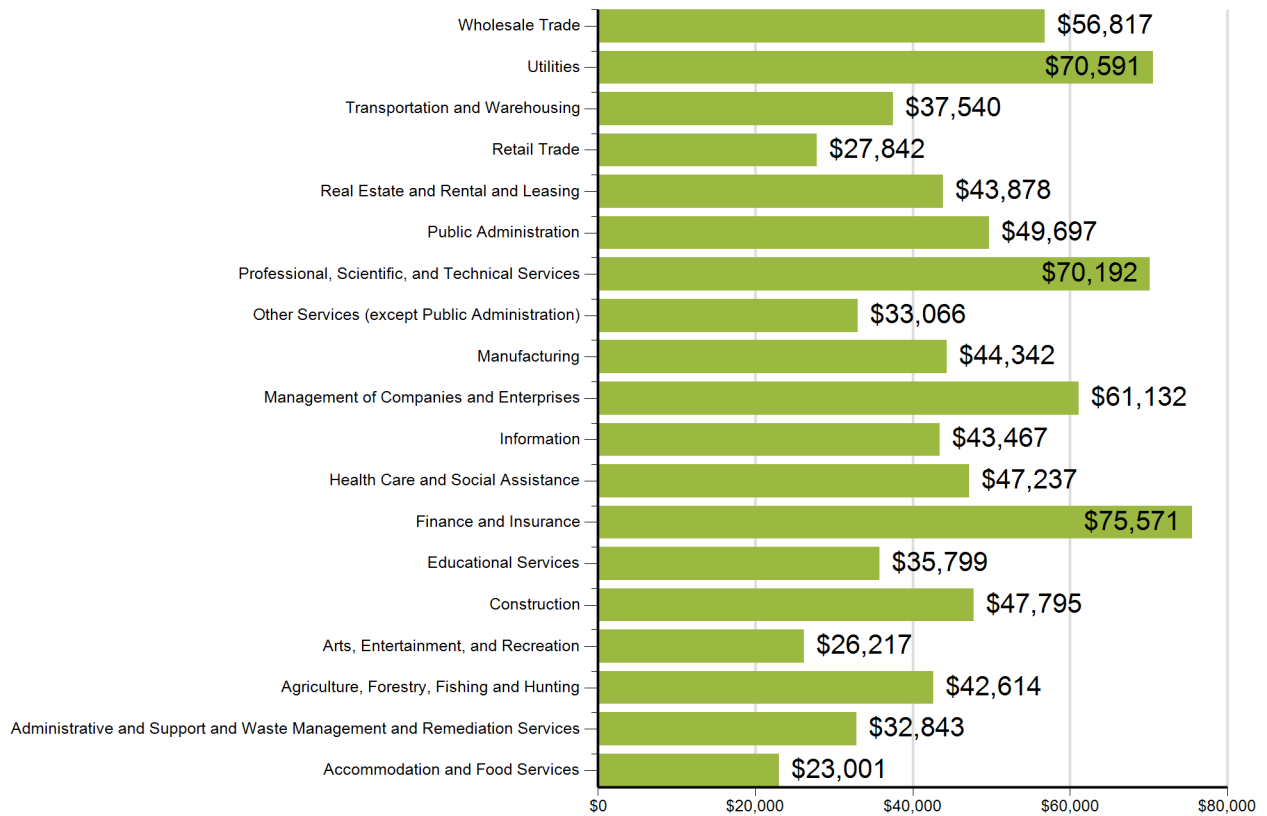
Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce and The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® Data Series

New Hires by Industry



US Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - Q1 2014

Average Annual Wage by Industry



Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - Q3
 2016

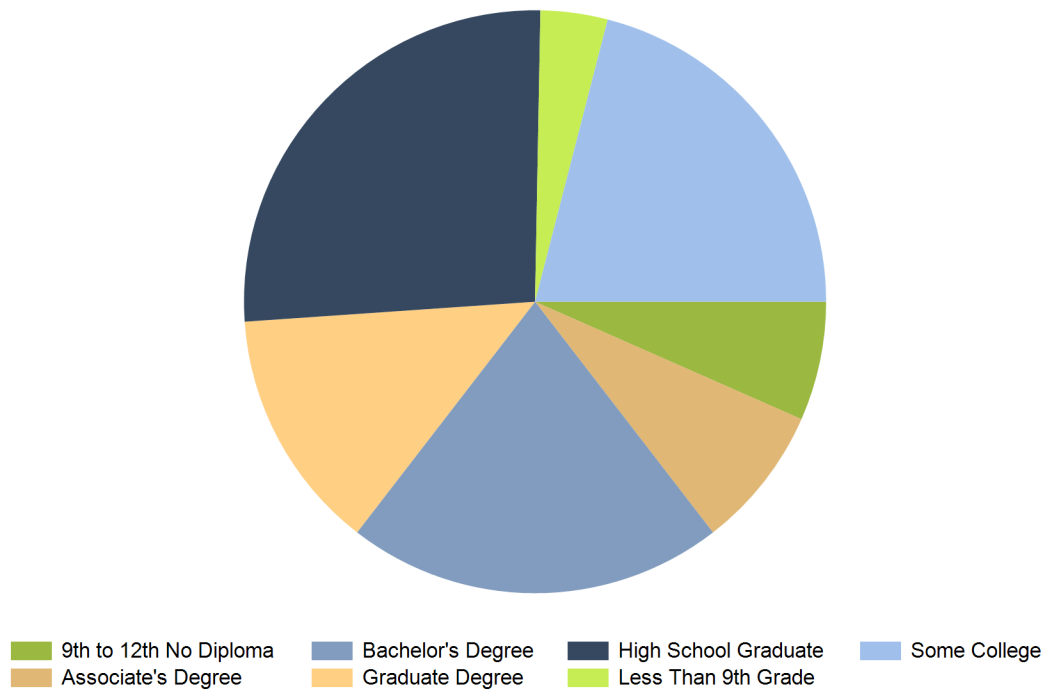
Age of Workers by Industry

Industry	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total, All Industries	1,238	2,627	3,668	13,090	12,406	12,420	9,625	4,484
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	5	19	72	69	71	74	31
Utilities	0	0	7	80	128	166	111	22
Construction	13	97	149	790	840	908	564	220
Manufacturing	9	21	51	178	203	250	169	48
Wholesale Trade	4	24	44	174	237	248	175	80
Retail Trade	345	795	826	1,978	1,583	1,742	1,535	838
Transportation and Warehousing	3	19	33	150	163	184	115	49
Information	26	36	23	73	74	72	67	25
Finance and Insurance	0	12	50	323	385	394	282	128
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	41	72	371	400	456	377	297
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7	32	86	454	527	449	436	232
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5	18	40	220	220	219	117	37
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	28	116	245	1,011	895	911	541	334
Educational Services	5	10	135	848	1,111	1,138	1,079	391
Health Care and Social Assistance	16	129	339	1,862	1,929	1,855	1,624	580
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	57	92	114	434	386	377	303	276
Accommodation and Food Services	647	1,036	1,150	2,754	1,838	1,522	957	428
Other Services (except Public Administration)	44	111	211	724	726	784	601	301
Public Administration	6	23	72	597	690	673	491	166

Source: US Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics - Q1 2014

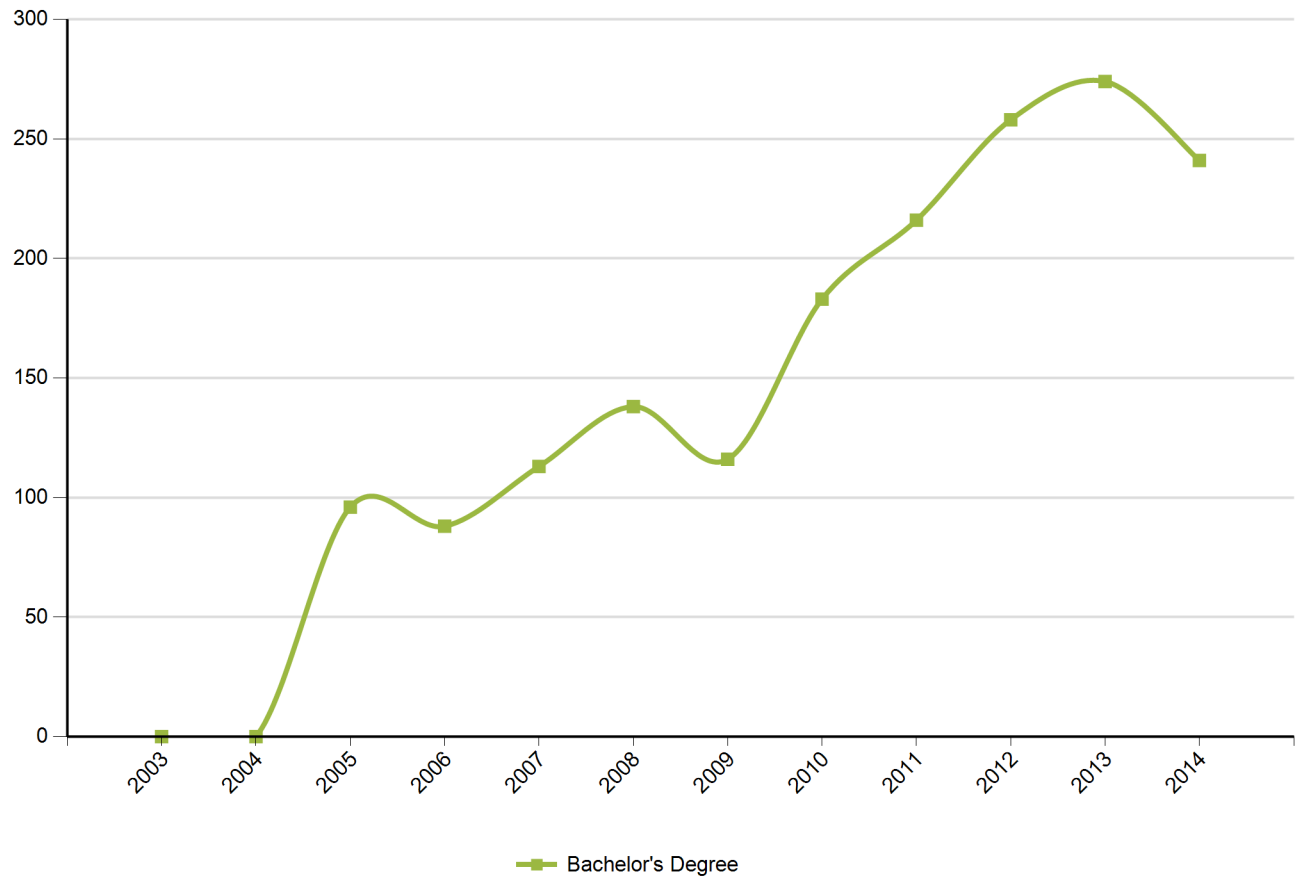
Educational Attainment

(Population 25 Years and Older)



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey - 2013 5-Year Estimates

Graduate Trends



Source: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Educational Institutions

Technical College of the Lowcountry
921 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, SC 29901
800.768.8252
<http://www.tcl.edu>
2014 Degrees Awarded: 426

University of South Carolina-Beaufort
1 University Boulevard
Bluffton, SC 29909
843.208.8000
<http://www.uscb.edu>
2014 Degrees Awarded: 244

Source: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System